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Ms. Marlene H. Dortch
Secretary
Federal Communications Commission
445 12th Street, S.W.
Washington, D.C. 20554

**Re: Docket No. 96-45; ETC Petition of Cingular Wireless LLC in Virginia;
Embarq Protective Order**

Dear Ms. Dortch:

Enclosed please find three executed acknowledgements of confidentiality filed with the Wireline Competition Bureau ("Bureau") pursuant to the Protective Order the Bureau adopted and released on February 8, 2007 in this proceeding.¹ The individuals executing the attached acknowledgements are outside counsel to Embarq Corporation (including counsel's paralegal) and have been authorized to review the confidential information pursuant to the Protective Order. These acknowledgements are being served today upon Cingular Wireless, LLC's counsel of record via Federal Express.

Please contact the undersigned if you have further questions or need additional information.

Sincerely,



Counsel to Embarq Corporation

Enclosures

¹ Protective Order, *Federal-State Joint Board on Universal Service, Petition of Cingular Wireless, LLC for Designation as an ETC in the Commonwealth of Virginia*, CC Docket No. 96-45 (Feb. 8, 2007) (*Embarq Protective Order*).

APPENDIX A**Acknowledgment of Confidentiality****CC Docket No. 96-45**

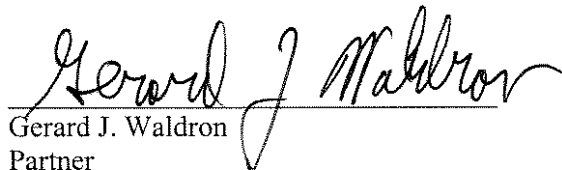
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Without limiting the foregoing, to the extent that I have any employment, affiliation or role with any person or entity other than a conventional private law firm (such as, but not limited to, a lobbying or public interest organization), I acknowledge specifically that my access to any information obtained as a result of the Protective Order is due solely to my capacity as Outside Counsel or Outside Consultant to a party or other person described in paragraph 9 of the foregoing Protective Order and that I will not use such information in any other capacity nor will I disclose such information except as specifically provided in the Protective Order.

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Capitalized terms used herein and not otherwise defined shall have the meanings ascribed to them in the Protective Order.

Executed at 1201 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW, Washington, DC this 26th day of March, 2007.



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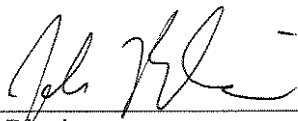
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